GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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RESTORATION OF SUGAR QUOTA
Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has raised the matter of restoration of the monthly allocation of sugar for distribution to Below Poverty Line (BPL) card holders;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether the authorized sugar factories do not supply the monthly sugar allocation sanctioned by the Union Government to the States for distribution under Public Distribution System; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. A reference was received from the Government of Maharashtra requesting to allot their 100% monthly levy sugar quota which is 13946.00 M.T. The State Government has been informed that since, the levy percentage has been reduced to 10% of the domestic production, the availability of sugar for levy allocation is varying depending upon the levels of domestic production. Therefore, it has not been possible to supply levy sugar as per the levy quota to each State/U.T. Every month, a quantity of 8000 MT of levy sugar is being released regularly to the Government of Maharashtra.

(c) & (d): Those sugar factories to whom the monthly levy allotment orders are issued generally supply levy sugar as per allotment orders for distribution in the Public Distribution System. Whenever any sugar factory fails to supply levy sugar and the matter is brought to the notice of the Department, appropriate action is initiated against such sugar factory.